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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear on any patent to issue therefrom. Documents **BC** and **BD** are enclosed.

This Second Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

On information and belief, I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Second Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Second Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Documents **BC** and **BD** are cited in the Chinese Office Action issued March 27, 2009 in counterpart Chinese Patent Application No. 2004/80030019.5, where their relevance is indicated. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, a Japanese translation of the Chinese Office Action, and a partial English-language translation of the Japanese translation are enclosed. Document BD (WO99/13570-A1) is the English-language counterpart of Document BC (CN-1243615-A).

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It is submitted that the Second Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed documents.

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